

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-CERTIFICATION UNIT

GIFTED EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT K-12

ENDORSEMENT IS REQUIRED OF INDIVIDUALS WHOSE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS TEACHING GIFTED STUDENTS.

- **All requirements for the Provisional Gifted Endorsement must be met.** The provisional endorsement is valid for three years and is not renewable. Fees are not refundable.
1. A valid Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card (plastic) issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.
 2. A valid Arizona Elementary, Secondary or Special Education Certificate.
 3. Option A, B, or C:
 - A. **Two years** of verified full-time teaching experience in which most students were gifted. (Please submit a letter on official letterhead from District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify teaching experience.)
 - B. 90 clock hours of verified in-service training in gifted education. (Please submit a letter on official letterhead from District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify teaching experience.)
 - C. 6 semester hours of courses in gifted education.
- **Requirements for the Full Gifted Endorsement are:**
1. A valid Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card (plastic) issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.
 2. A valid Arizona Elementary, Secondary or Special Education Certificate.
 3. Completion of 9 semester hours of upper division or graduate level courses in an academic discipline such as science, mathematics, language arts, foreign language, social studies, psychology, fine arts, or computer science.
 4. **TWO** from Option A, B, C, or D:
 - A. **Three years** of verified full-time teaching experience in gifted education as a teacher, resource teacher, specialist, or similar position verified by the district. (Please submit a letter on official letterhead from District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify teaching experience.)
 - B. A minimum of 135-clock hours of verified in-service training in gifted education. (Please submit a letter on official letterhead from District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify in-service training.)
 - C. Completion of 12 semester hours of courses in gifted education. District in-service programs in gifted education may be substituted for up to 6 semester hours of gifted education courses. 15-clock hours of in-service is equivalent to 1 semester hour. Practicum courses shall not be accepted towards this requirement. (Please submit a letter on official letterhead from District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify in-service training.)
 - D. Completion of 6 semester hours of practicum or **two years** of verified full-time teaching experience in which most students were gifted. (Please submit a letter on official letterhead from District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify teaching experience.)

*PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 15-534.03, EACH EDUCATOR MUST NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS WITHIN THIRTY DAYS. CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.

ALL DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING TRANSCRIPTS, BECOMES THE PROPERTY OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED. REQUIREMENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ARE FULLY REFERENCED IN THE ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.